



JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

November 13, 2014

Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety met on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was held in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building. Members present were: Representatives Boles, Hurley, Burr, Daughtry, Faircloth, C. Graham, G. Graham, McNeill, Turner, Speciale and Senators, Newton, Allran, Bingham, Bryant, Daniel and Randleman.

Representative Jamie Boles presided and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman Boles introduced the Sergeant-at-Arms present and then asked each of the members to introduce themselves for those in attendance.

Chairman Boles introduced John Byrd, Director of the NC State Crime Lab who came forward and gave the annual report for the agency. (See Attachment 1 for a more complete reference to the presentation). Following Mr. Byrd's presentation, Chairman Boles opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Boles introduced Jessica Smith, UNC School of Government and Anna Mills Wagoner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 19C (Rowan county), currently serving as Chair of the State Crime Laboratory Working Group, to give a report of the State Crime Laboratory Working Group (see Attachment 2 for a more complete reference to the presentation). Following the presentation by Ms. Smith and Judge Wagoner, Chairman Boles opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Boles called for a five minute recess and asked members to return at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Boles called the meeting back to order at 2:17 p.m. and introduced David Guice, Commissioner of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, North Carolina Department of Public Safety to give a presentation on Justice Reinvestment in North Carolina: Three Years Later. (See Attachment 3 for a more complete reference to the presentation). During his presentation, Commissioner Guice introduced Marshall Clement and Megan Grasso from the Council of State Governments Justice Center to present the information to members regarding the success of Justice Reinvestment in North Carolina. Commissioner Guice then introduced Anne Precythe, Director of Community Corrections, North Carolina Department of Public Safety who spoke on the impact of the Justice Reinvestment Act on 'supervision practices' within her division.

Following the presentation, Chairman Boles opened the floor for discussion. After the discussion, Chairman Boles recognized Ms. Precythe to introduce her staff in attendance who



have been instrumental in the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act and have made the program work in the community. He then asked if any of those staff members in attendance would like to speak. The following persons stepped forward to acknowledge the advances that have been made with the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act: Rick Neil, Chief Probation Officer, Nash County; Debra Lemke, Field Specialist, Mecklenburg County; Daurius Deese, Assistant Judicial District Manager, Mecklenburg County; Deshaunn Pollack, Chief Probation Officer, Guilford County.

Commissioner Guice took a moment to commend those who helped pass the Justice Reinvestment Act as well as his staff who are working to successfully implement the initiatives. He then discussed the upcoming implementation of CRV (Commitment in Response to Violations) for probationers and the opening of 2 new facilities to house these offenders.

Chairman Boles recognized Mr. Bill Stovall, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Director of Engineering Services, Adult Correction and Juvenile Services to give an update on the renovation of the Samarcand Training Facility project in Moore County. Mr. Stovall noted that the State Construction Office at the Department of Administration had released the final plans for construction and they have begun work on the facility. The asbestos abatement contract is 65% complete to date and the project is on schedule. The work is to be done in two phases and phase will begin with the facility being ready for training classes to begin on July 1, 2015 with a completion date for phase one, which includes 90 overnight beds for training classes by December 31, 2015. Phase one includes the administration building, gymnasium and academic/auditorium buildings. These buildings have been cleared of asbestos and they are now gutting the interior of these buildings. Phase Two will include the campus life building, Mitchell building, housing units associated with Frye, Norton and Hoke. Asbestos abatement should be complete in those buildings by December 13, 2014. Demolition work will continue with over 40 inmates on site working and it is anticipated that up to 100 inmates will be working on site by January 1, 2015. At that time, they will begin reconstruction of the interior of those buildings. Mr. Stovall told the committee that the project is on schedule and much activity will begin to be seen now that they have been released for construction. He then invited members of the committee to visit the site to view the progress.

Chairman Boles opened the floor for discussion.

There being no further business, Chairman Boles adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Rep. Jamie Boles, Presiding

Kerry Guice, Committee Clerk